

who have decided to take advantage of the opportunity to change careers or complete a dream that began years ago. The university is constantly exploring and developing new opportunities to help students open doors to a better life. UAM is truly celebrating a century of opportunity.

Mr. President, what wonderful gifts to the people of Arkansas that our legislators bestowed upon us a century ago. As each university celebrates this year, I want to add my voice to the chorus of Arkansans who celebrate this milestone. We have so much of which to be proud. As we move forward in the 21st century, I know that these four institutions will continue to stand ready to prepare our citizens to compete in the global marketplace for the next century.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 20. An act to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis.

H.R. 479. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

H.R. 756. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care.

H.R. 1171. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1246. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

H.R. 1377. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1513. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1777. An act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that, pursuant to section 1101 of Public Law 111-5, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the HIT Policy Committee for a term of 3 years: Mr. Paul Egerman of Weston, Massachusetts.

The message also announced that, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York; and Mr. KING of New York.

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R.1388) entitled "An Act to reauthorize and reform the national service laws".

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 20. An act to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 479. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 756. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1146. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quinoxifen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8405-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1147. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL-8403-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1148. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus subtilis MBI 600; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL-8408-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1149. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Filing of Disclosure Documents" (RIN3038-AC67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1150. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1151. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1152. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1153. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Program to Implement the DTV Delay Act" (RIN0660-AA19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1154. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County" (FRL-8788-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1155. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Updated Statutory and Regulatory Provisions; Rescissions" (FRL-8767-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1156. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Variance Determination for Particulate Matter from a Specific Source in the State of New Jersey" (FRL-8775-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1157. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Captan, 2,4-D, Dodine, DCPA, Endothall, Fomesafen, Propyzamide, Ethofumesate, Permethrin, Dimethipin, and Fenarimol; Technical Amendment" (FRL-8407-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1158. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Non-Transportation Related Onshore Facilities; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Rule—Final Amendments" (RIN2050-AG16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1159. A communication from the Attorney of the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Battery Chargers and External Power Supplies (Standby Mode and Off Mode)" (RIN1904-AB75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1160. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Audit Technique Guide for Sections 48A and 48B; Advanced Coal and Gasification Project Credits" (LMSB-4-0209-005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1161. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" (Announcement 2009-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1162. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Election and Notice Procedures for Multiemployer Plans under Sections 204 and 205 of WRERA" (Notice 2009-31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1163. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009 Calendar Year Resident Population Estimates" (Notice 2009-21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1164. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to current military, diplomatic, political, and economic measures that are being or have been undertaken to complete our mission in Iraq successfully; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1165. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools", received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1166. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-32" (RIN9000-AL22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1167. A communication from the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Analysis and Proposed Copyright Fee Adjustments to Go into Effect on or about August 1, 2009"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1168. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1169. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1170. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1171. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Posttraumatic Stress Disorder" (RIN2900-AN04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate During the 110th Congress, Pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate" (Rept. No. 111-11).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities Report" (Rept. No. 111-12).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 110th Congress, Pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate" (Rept. No. 111-13).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 9. A resolution commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world.

S. Res. 20. A resolution celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

S. Res. 56. A resolution urging the Government of Moldova to ensure a fair and democratic election process for the parliamentary elections on April 5, 2009.

S. Res. 90. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, April 17, 18, and 19, 2009.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

\*Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

\*Esther Brimmer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

\*Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

\*Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

\*Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Nominee: Karl Winfrid Eikenberry.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I